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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1108

BEIRUT FOR CAA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN

SUBJ: SOMALIA SEEKING AIR TRAFFIC RIGHTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA

REF: MOGADISIO 0712

1. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TOLD EMBOFF JULY 25 THAT HE LEAVING AUGUST 2 FOR JIDDAH TO SEEK TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR SOMALI AIRLINES ON PROSPECTIVE ROUTE MOGAIDSCIO-JIDDAH-CAIRO-ROME. HE SAID SAUDIS' INITIAL RESPONSE TO SOMALI REQUEST NEGATIVE, WITH SAUDIS TAKING POSITION THA ROUTE RESERVED FOR AIRLINES OF ARAB COUTRIES. (AT PRESENT THERE NO DIRECT AIR SERVICE BETWEEN JIDDAH AND MOGADISCIO. CAIRO-MOGADISCIO IS SERVED BY EGYPT AIR AND AEROFLOT.) DIRECTOR BELIEVES SAUDI ATTITUDE INFLUENCED BY SAUDI FAILURE TO OBTAIN RIGHTS FOR PROSPECTIVE ROUTE JIDDAH-MOGADISCIO-ENTEBBE FROM EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (ALTHOUGH SOMALIS HAD NO OBJECTION.

2. INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION CONFIDENTIAL

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CERNING STATUS OF DECISION ON PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR

SOMALI AIRLINES INTENATIONAL ROUTES. DIRECTOR STATED THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD DEPEND ON SOMALIA OBTAINING RIGHTS FOR ABOVE ROUTE. HE REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY OF ACQUISITION OF BOEING 707, DC-8 OR BAC-111, THUS IMPLYING, AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO FIRST TWO, THAT THEY NOW THINKING OF BUYING USED AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, WHEN QUERIED BY EMBOFF, HE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASE OF BOEING 737. HE ALSO STATED THAT REPLACEMENTS FOR DC-3'S NOW USED ON DOMESTIC FLIGHTS WOULD BE FOKKER OR HAWKER-SIDDELY EQUIPMENT. THUS SOVIETS NOW APPEAR TO BE OUT OF PICTURE. CROMWELL

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